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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st February, 1974:—

BILL No. IV OF 1974

A Bill to amend the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Amendment Act, 1974. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 19th day of January, 1974.

81 of 1971. 2. In section 53 of the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub-section (3), for the words "two years", the words "three years" shall be substituted. Amendment of section 53.

3. In section 88 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following", the words "which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid," shall be substituted. Amendment of section 88.

1 of 1974. 4. (1) The North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1974 is hereby repealed. Repeal and saving.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As a result of reorganisation of the north-eastern region with effect from the 21st January, 1972, the Assam State Electricity Board and the Assam State Warehousing Corporation existing in the then State of Assam became inter-State Corporations. Under section 53 of the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 these two bodies continue to function in all the areas in which they were functioning at the time of reorganisation of the State of Assam i.e., the present State of Assam, State of Meghalaya and Union territory of Mizoram. Provision was made in that section to the effect that these bodies would cease to function and stand dissolved on the expiry of a period of two years from the date of reorganisation or such earlier date as the Central Government may, by order, appoint. It was expected that the Governments of the emerging new units would evolve within this period appropriate schemes for the establishment of joint or separate bodies to take over the functions of the two inter-State bodies. However, due to pressure of diverse problems which the new administrative units had to face, the necessary schemes could not be formulated in time. Sub-section (3) of section 53 of the Act was, therefore, amended by the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1974 (1 of 1974) to extend the period specified therein to three years.

2. This Bill seeks to replace the aforesaid Ordinance.

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